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Sir:

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A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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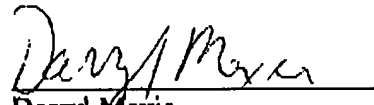
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**The submission of the attached English language abstract along with JPA No. 10-13680 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of the reference.**

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